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Letter dated 14 July 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith an answer given by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), which was given to the question raised by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on 14 July 2017 with regard to attempts of the United States to fabricate another "sanctions resolution" against the DPRK (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 14 July 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Answer given by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 14 July 2017 with regard to the fact that the United States is attempting to rig up another "sanctions resolution" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, branding its successful test-fire of the intercontinental ballistic missile as a "global threat"

The U.S., flabbergasted at the DPRK's success in the test-fire of the intercontinental ballistic rocket Hwasong-14, is making frenzied moves at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to fabricate another "resolution on sanctions" tougher than ever against the DPRK.

Right after the emergency meeting of the UNSC, the U.S. began letting out a stream of invectives every day against the DPRK's test-fire while making frantic efforts together with its vassal forces to produce a "press statement" in order to create the atmosphere of sanctions against the DPRK. At the same time, the U.S. is causing a lot of racket circulating the draft of a new "resolution on sanctions" at the UNSC and prattling that it would to put it to the "vote" without any compromise.

The racket of anti-DPRK "sanctions resolutions" being made by the U.S. is the manifestation of the heinous intention to evade the responsibility for having driven the DPRK to bolster its nuclear force by pursuing the policy of extreme hostility and nuclear threat against the latter and obliterate its sovereignty and right to existence.

The DPRK's test-fire of the intercontinental ballistic rocket is an exercise of its legitimate right to self-defence to thoroughly eradicate the over half a century long nuclear threat from the U.S. against the DPRK and reliably defend peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and the region at large.

The resounding success of the test-fire of the intercontinental ballistic rocket Hwasong-14 has fully demonstrated the will and capability of the DPRK to annihilate the U.S. by a single blow to the very heart of its mainland in case it fails to act with discretion.

It is time for the U.S. to renew its perspective on the DPRK's strategic position, which has reached the dazzling heights, and to act with prudence. However, it is inviting its ultimate doom by resorting to the sanctions and pressure campaign against the DPRK.

It will be a fatal mistake to consider any chance that the DPRK, which rose to a dignified nuclear power and an ICBM state, would tolerate the reckless "sanctions" racket of the U.S. and other hostile forces.

Should the UNSC adopt another "resolution on sanctions", this will trigger corresponding measures by the DPRK and respond to the "resolution" with its act of justice.